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WOMEN CAN VOTE SPRING ELECTION

New Constitution Gives
Right to Vote on Franchises if Taxpayers.

VILLAGE ELECTION MARCH 14

Republican Caucus Called for March 7. Election of Special Interest This Year.

Members of the fair sex who have been hoping and praying these many years for the right to vote, will, at the coming village election in a measure have their wishes gratified.

Under the new state constitution, all women who are taxpayers, and have the qualifications of male electors, are entitled to vote upon the granting of public utility franchises and upon questions involving the expenditure of money. There is to be no vote upon the question of raising money, but there is the question of the granting of two electric railway franchises, on which, women, as stated above will be qualified electors.

All women who intend to vote, however, will be required to appear in person before the board of registration and register as do male electors. The board of registration will be in session on the Saturday preceding the election.

The village election, occurs this year on Monday, March 14, and will be of special interest. It is probable that two electric franchises will be granted, and the citizens of Paw Paw will be interested in the selection of officials to see that the provisions of the franchises are carried out in case such electric roads shall be built.

The republican caucus has been called to meet at the council rooms Monday evening March 7, a notice of which appears in another column of this issue. It is quite probable that the democratic caucus will be held on Tuesday evening of the same week.

GEORGE PAIGE LEFT MONDAY

For New Orleans, Where he will Play Ball Again the Coming Season. Is in Good Physical Trim.

George Paige left on Monday for New Orleans, where he will be the mainstay in the pitching staff of the New Orleans club in the Southern League. George leaves in excellent condition. During the winter months that he has been at home he has not looked scarcely a single day. He has tramped to the woods or some nearby lake nearly every day and put in the time at his favorite pastime of hunting and fishing. His muscles are hard and there is not a pound of superfluous flesh on his anatomy. It will not take him long to get into perfect condition for the long grind on the base ball field.

BECOMES STATE BANK EXAMINER

J. B. Showerman Appointed Deputy State Bank Examiner. Takes up New Duties March 1.

J. B. Showerman, cashier of the Paw Paw Savings bank, has been appointed deputy state bank examiner. He was



Popular cashier of Paw Paw Savings bank, who will resign this week to begin duties as deputy state bank examiner of Michigan.

advised of the appointment last Saturday in a letter from Mr. Zimmerman, state banking commissioner. He will take up the duties of the department March 1st.

Mr. Showerman is well qualified for the position to which he has been appointed. He has been connected with

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WRITES OF GRAPE INDUSTRY

Will Payne, in Last Week's Saturday Evening Post, has Strong Article Dealing With Grape Question.

The Saturday Evening Post of last week is of special interest to citizens of the Michigan fruit belt. It contains an article from the celebrated writer, Will Payne, entitled "Co operation, the small man's salvation." In the article Mr. Payne deals exclusively with the grape situation in this vicinity. He reviews the history of the grape culture here, and the efforts which have been made to organize and maintain the various associations. He speaks particularly of the recent efforts made, to consolidate the various shippers associations, tells why the effort failed, and concludes by telling the growers what such a consolidation would mean to them. It is a strong article, and written in Mr. Payne's most charming style. Every grape grower in the entire belt should read it.

FRUIT MAN TALKS TO GRAPE GROWERS

Government Expert Gives Valuable Pointers to Grape Men of Lawton and Vicinity.

Prof. A. V. Stubenrauch of the department of agriculture of Washington, D. C., was in Lawton last Saturday and gave the grape growers of that place an interesting talk on fruit transportation.

Mr. Stubenrauch has been on the Pacific coast for several years studying the fruit transportation question and was on his way there after a trip to Florida when he stopped at Lawton. He was therefore able to discuss the phase of fruit marketing as well as the results of the departmental work in fruit and storage. A large number of grape growers were in attendance and many valuable pointers were received from his talk.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN IS SUED

T. B. Jackson Sues for Rebate Which Southern Michigan Refuses to Pay.

The case of T. B. Jackson vs. the Southern Michigan Fruit Association was tried in Justice Mason's court last Wednesday.

This was a case in which the Southern Michigan refused to take the grapes of Mr. Jackson on account of not having cars in which to ship.

Mr. Jackson began shipping with W. C. Wilkey, who at that time had plenty of cars, and continued shipping with him the balance of the season.

The Southern Michigan refused to pay a rebate to Mr. Jackson, claiming that by shipping with another company he forfeited his rights to the rebate.

The contention of plaintiff was that the by-laws of the association say nothing about a shipper forfeiting his rebate by shipping with another company. He also claims that he was justified in shipping with Wilkey on account of the Southern Michigan not being able to ship.

The case occupied nearly the entire day and resulted in a verdict for Mr. Jackson, finding him \$55.83, the amount asked for.

The case will probably be appealed. A. Lynn Free represented Mr. Jackson and L. A. Tabor looked after the interests of the association.

The outcome of the case is being watched with much interest, as there are several other shippers who have not as yet received their rebates.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Local Cattle Fancier Suspected That His Mulley Cattle Were Affected With Hollowhorn.

L. K. Woodman is quite a fancier of "blooded" cattle and is the owner of several fine head of valuable bovines. Last week he was considerably concerned in regard to the health of the animals as some of them appeared to be ill. Lew suspected that the disease might be what is commonly known as "hollowhorn" and consulted a veterinary in regard to their symptoms. He told the veterinary how they appeared to be affected, and stated that in his opinion it was "hollowhorn." The veterinary then asked Lew in which born the trouble seemed to be, and you can imagine his surprise when Lew replied, "Which horn? Why man, they haven't any horns, they are all mulleys."

Lew, by the way, is a graduate of the state agricultural college, but in all fairness to him it should be stated that he graduated several years ago, before the department of "Mullyology" and treatment of "hollowhorn" was made a part of the M. A. C. curriculum.

Annual Horse Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Paw Paw French Draft Horse association will be held at the court house in the village of Paw Paw on Saturday, March 5, 1910, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

DANIEL SPICER, Secretary.

CHARLES E. TAYLOR



Photograph by Clinchard, Washington, D. C.
Secretary to Secretary of the Navy

REPORTED THAT MICHIGAN UNITED RAILWAY COMPANY WOULD BUY FRUIT BELT LINE

It would surely seem as though Paw Paw had ought to get at least one electric railroad in the near future. Two franchises have been granted through the village and now comes the report that the Michigan United Railways will buy the K. L. S. & C. line and electrify the same, thus giving a direct line from Detroit to Lake Michigan. The Kalamazoo Telegraph of last Saturday has the following to say about the proposition:

"The Michigan United Railways company has made a tentative offer for the Kalamazoo, Lake Shore & Chicago railroad and desires to purchase the line, but all efforts have so far failed to get the General Superintendent O'Mara of the former company to the Evening Telegraph."

"This statement was brought out during the discussion of the interest taken by people in the recent purchase by the M. U. R. of the property at 128 Michigan avenue for the ostensible purpose of having a place in which to turn cars around, at least so stated by the M. U. R."

"The general impression seems to prevail that the street car people desire this property as a means of enabling them

to connect directly with the "Fruit Belt Line" and by electrifying that system run their cars through to South Haven and Benton Harbor. All the M. U. R. advertising matter and maps include about such a line (proposed) while certain officials of the company in the past have announced that their ultimate plans include a road from Detroit to Lake Michigan."

"There is no denying the fact that we want a line to Benton Harbor," continued Mr. O'Hara, "and the Fruit Belt would about meet the demand. It has an excellent road bed for an electric line, taps a splendid territory, both as to passenger and freight traffic. It would give us a fine tourist route from Detroit to Chicago and we could take travelers from city to city for about three dollars less than by the Michigan Central and furnish a berth on the boats in addition."

"The roadbed as it stands is leased from the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette, excepting those portions from Mattawan to Lawton and from Hartford to South Haven. I believe the Michigan Central would be glad to unload, but the Marquette seems to object to the proposition."

MRS. B. F. CHASE ENTERTAINED

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Benjamin F. Chase of Conifers gave a small tea. She was assisted by Mrs. William R. Sellick and Miss Ethel Page of New York. In the dining room were Miss Mildred Shepard, Miss Vera Ford, Miss Pauline Sellick, Miss Margaret Cole and Miss Freda Snow. The decorations in the parlors were red carnations, while in the dining room the color scheme was yellow and the flowers were jonquils and daffodils.

FRED HOLT NO BETTER.

Fred Holt, who was taken seriously ill while at work at the grape juice factory last week, is no better at this writing. He suffers intense pain and it is feared that he will have to go to Ann Arbor to undergo an operation for gall stones.

PLAN SOCIAL SESSIONS.

Members of Paw Paw Masonic lodge are planning a series of social sessions in the near future. The committee having the matter in charge announce that the first number will be on Monday evening, March 1. This number will be for the Masons only and it is likely that the second number, which will be held the first of April, will be ladies' night. Further announcements will be made later.

FAIRCHILD DREW GUITAR.

Claude Fairchild held the lucky number that drew the fine guitar at the Idle Hour theatre last Monday evening. Claude engaged a teacher and has gone into active training. His friends are expecting something fine from him in the musical line in the near future.

WETS VICTORIOUS IN SUPREME COURT

Decision Handed Down in Local Option Case Reversing Decision of Circuit Court and Granting Mandamus. Means Election this Spring.

Just as we go to press the prosecuting attorney's office informs us that a telegram has just been received from the clerk of the supreme court stating that the case of Flanders vs. The Board of Supervisors has been reversed. The case has been hanging fire for several weeks and the result has been anxiously awaited by adherents to both sides of the controversy. The telegram reads as follows:

Lansing, Mich.
Prosecuting Attorney,
Paw Paw, Mich.
Flanders case reversed and mandamus granted.

CHARLES C. HOPKINS, Clerk.

This means that the local option election will be held this spring and the wets are happy. The contest will be a hot one, as both wets and dries are planning on vigorous campaigns.

TOWNS' PASSES ORDINANCES

Same Electric Railway Franchises Granted as were up for Consideration in Village Last Week.

The Paw Paw township board met at the office of the village clerk last Monday evening to consider the granting of the two electric railway franchises which received consideration at the hands of the village council last week. Both ordinances were passed in practically the same form as those passed by the village. Engineer S. B. Downer filed his acceptance of the one granted to the company which here represents. Of course the granting of such franchises is up to the voters of the township, the same as in the village, and will be voted upon at the April election. There is no question, however, but what both will be granted.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Bassett's Trout Hatchery Finest in the Country. Supply Eggs for the State Hatchery.

C. E. Westerman of the State Fish Hatchery at Paris, Michigan, was in Paw Paw last Friday. He visited Bassett and Son's trout hatchery and purchased 500,000 eggs for the state hatchery. Mr. Westerman is delighted with the Glen Springs hatchery, and says that the location and all the conditions surrounding the same are ideal. It is one of the finest hatcheries in the country. Messrs. Bassett and Bassett have enlarged the capacity considerably from year to year, and have no trouble in finding a ready market for the marketable trout at a good price. The hatchery is located some distance from Paw Paw, and the majority of people here know nothing about the business. The fact of the matter is, however, that it is one of the most important business enterprises in this locality, and is growing rapidly from year to year.

PLEASANT TRIP TO INFIRMARY

Jolly Crowd from Gobleville Spent Day with Mr. and Mrs. Slover at County Infirmary.

Feb. 12 was unexpectedly made a gala day at the county infirmary when fourteen old friends and neighbors of Supt. Slover and wife drove in from Gobleville and vicinity. The day was cold, so when we arrived all nature within seemed to vie for supremacy in gifts of warmth. A hot dinner was the first number and we must confess that unknown capacities seemed to thaw out but there was an abundance and we were dined royally.

After dinner our host and hostess guided us through the barns where we found all things in perfect order. The laundry was of special interest. We saw the inmates at their tables and in the halls respectively and their quiet behavior and our silent interest bespoke the mutual sympathy between us. The inmates are clean and orderly and obey the quiet commands more through love and respect than from fear. The courteous attention of the help can not be forgotten and we feel that their generous conduct added much to our enjoyment. Earl was home from Goble high school and proved himself a loyal son, helpful and untiring in his efforts to help entertain us.

The occasion was made doubly happy, it being the 20th anniversary of our host and wife. A poem of unusual strength and feeling was written for the occasion by Mrs. May Hyams, an old friend and was enjoyed by all. The bride and groom received many valuable presents from their friends and a water set of cut glass presented to them to be a mute reminder of our love and gratitude.

It is a long way to the infirmary but we feel well paid and came home knowing that we have a grand institution "over the hill," and believe it to be managed by efficient and firm people whose hearts are naturally overflowing with love and sympathy.

MR. F. STARK.

ENTERTAINED AT SCOVEL'S.

Upon invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scovel about 35 of the members and friends of the third division of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church were entertained at their pleasant home one mile west of the village last Friday evening. The weather was very cold, but the hearts were warm and everyone was looking for a good time which they succeeded in having. The evening was spent with music and conversation. A picnic supper was served at 6 o'clock, which was much enjoyed by all.

MUSICAL TEAM.

Patrons of the Dibble & Salisbury barber shop are given a rare musical treat these days. The musical artists are Frank Rogers, banjo, and Harry Salisbury, guitar. They play both the popular and classic pieces, and it is well worth one's time to drop into the shop for a few minutes at least and listen to the melodious strains as executed by these ringed instrument artists.

MEETING OF THE BOOSTERS' CLUB

Sixty Present at Meeting. Splendid Luncheon. Railroad Talk.

SMILE AND KWITCHURKIKEN

Cards Bearing This Motto at Each Plate. Expressed Sentiment of Every Member of Club.

The citizens of Paw Paw are certainly enthused over the boosters' club and look forward with no little degree of pleasure to each succeeding meeting. This was the week for the regular meeting which was held as usual in Dyckman house dining room.

While the first six weeks ago was seemed as though little better than were 60 members Tuesday, and the its usual high state. After the inner President McNair order and process of business. At read the proposed laws which were columns two weeks slight changes they read. One important constitution, however, was a torney B. F. Heckert moved on. tion two of article 3 be stricken out. made to read substantially as follows: "That any business man or other who is interested in the progress and welfare of Paw Paw is eligible to membership and may become a member by signing the constitution and by-laws."

S. B. Downer, chief engineer and representative of the Chicago, Michigan and Indiana Railway Co., to whom has been granted an electric franchise by the village and township of Paw Paw, was present and was called upon for remarks. Among other things he spoke of having been in Paw Paw 50 years ago and of the change that has taken place since then. When in foreign lands he often thought, "I love my United States, but oh, my Michigan," and he believes we have a right to feel the same way in regard to Paw Paw. He briefly outlined the electric railway proposition in practically the same manner as was stated in these columns last week and concluded by throwing a few bouquets at the Boosters' club and said if they worked together shoulder to shoulder much good could be accomplished.

W. T. Davis of Chicago, who owns a farm north of Paw Paw, was called and responded in a few well chosen words. He is in sympathy with the Boosters' club and the proposed electric railroad. He also wants to get acquainted with everybody, as he expects to make this his home the balance of his life.

A horse racing matinee was suggested and Ed. Bailey, Dr. Johnson and Dan Morrison were appointed a committee on arrangements. It is probable that it will be pulled off on the ice on Maple lake.

The president appointed Dr. O. E. Lanphear, M. H. Young and Bert Bennett committee on entertainment for the next meeting.

A pleasant feature of the luncheon was place cards at each plate bearing the following appropriate motto: "Keep Smiling and Kwitchurkiken." The club is indebted to Harry Loomis for this novel feature. This is Harry's favorite motto and would be an appropriate slogan for the club.

CHECK FOR THE MONUMENT FUND

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bailey Send \$25.00. Example for Local Citizens Who Are Able to Contribute.

The efforts of the local W. R. C. and G. A. R. to raise funds for a soldier's and sailor's monument are attracting the attention of former residents of Paw Paw, who are now located in various parts of the United States. Last Friday the True Northerner received from Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bailey of Boston, a check for \$25.00 drawn in favor of the treasurer of the monument association. The ladies and gentlemen who have worked so hard to get this fund started, appreciate the contribution of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, and it is to be hoped that others may also contribute to the fund. If the Paw Paw citizens who are amply able to help this project along, would contribute liberally the monument would be a reality, before those who are working so hard for it have been called to answer the last summons.

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